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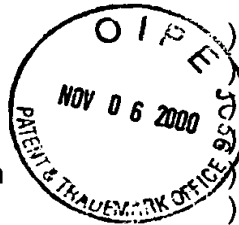
Examiner:

Inventor: Pawan Seth

Serial No: 09/583,228

Filed: May 26, 2000

For: Sustained Release Verapamil  
Pharmaceutical Composition Free of  
Food Effect and a Method for  
Alleviating Food Effect in Drug Release



REQUEST FOR EXTENSION  
OF TIME AND TRANSMITTAL  
OF ORIGINAL OATH/  
DECLARATION AND  
ASSIGNMENT

Attn: Application Processing  
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By: [Signature], Attorney for Applicant

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants' attorney requests a one (1) month extension of time in which  
to respond to the "Notice to File Missing Parts" dated August 7, 2000. Accordingly, the  
enclosed fee in the amount of \$110.00 covers the fee for a one month extension of  
time being requested.

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TRANSMITTAL OF ORIGINAL OATH/DECLARATION AND ASSIGNMENT

Pursuant to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted" mailed August 7, 2000, enclosed is the originally signed "Declaration and Power of Attorney" in the above-identified application and a copy of the Notice.

Also enclosed for recordal is an "Assignment" of this application with attached cover sheet. Please record this Assignment and return it us at your convenience.

You will find enclosed a check in the amount of \$1,048.00 for the filing fee, (\$690.00), independent claims over three (\$78.00), the late declaration fee (\$130.00), recordal fee (\$40.00) and extension fee (\$110.00). If, for some reason, Applicant has not paid a sufficient fee to prevent the abandonment of this application, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any further fees which may be due. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

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Dated: October 31, 2000  
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